

**Anne Ewers**  
President & CEO  
Utah Symphony & Opera



Dear Competitors, Families, and Friends,

I am pleased to welcome you to this inaugural event for Salt Lake City, Utah.

As President & CEO of Utah Symphony & Opera, I am closely connected to the world of classical music and many of the people involved in the performing arts.

I believe that events such as this competition represent parallel efforts to those of our organization and others like it. Through these events we witness the result of hard work, commitment, talent and soul. We see the emergence of genius into the public arena, and we take pleasure in the honors and recognition that these talented musicians experience.

While the top names in the world of violin performance are able to provide memorable performances, I think you will be amazed by the quality and spirit of these rising violinists. I hope that you enjoy this competition, as I believe it is the beginning of great careers for these players and the audiences that will come to love them.

By inviting the Grand Prize winner of the Stradivarius International Violin Competition to solo with the Utah Symphony in 2008, I believe that our organization has stimulated and inspired these artists and will aid them in bringing great music to the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anne Ewers', written in a cursive style.

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